Outstanding arrear of NTPC against State Governments

†390. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that principal amount of Rupees seventeen thousand crores and surcharge of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is outstanding against various State Governments;

(b) the names of the different States along with amount against whom the principal amount and surcharge are outstanding; and

(c) the action being taken by NTPC to recover such outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Outstanding dues payable to NTPC from beneficiary states as on 30.6.2001 works out to Rs. 18054.05 crores which consists of Rs. 11552.57 crores towards principal amount and Rs. 6501.48 crores towards surcharge.

(b) The status of State-wise total oustanding dues (principal and surcharge) payable to NTPC as on 30.6.2001 is given in the Statement. *(See below)*

(c) The various actions being taken by NTPC for recovery of outstanding dues are indicated below:—

(i) The NTPC management is actively pursuing recovery of dues with concerned SEBs/State Governments.

(ii) A special incentive scheme has been introduced by NTPC since September, 1994 to provide financial incentive to states which established Letter of Credits (LC) to cover full amount of current monthly bills. By enhancing their LC of the required level, SEBs would be in a position to avail 2.5% rebate on payments made in four equated weekly installments and also obtain reimbursement of charges incurred for LC operation.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) To reduce outstanding dues, NTPC approached Government of India for direct appropriation out of Central Plan assistance to States. The Government of India has approved Central Appropriation out of Central Plan Assistance to States for payment of outstanding dues of NTPC against various defaulting SEBs from time to time. Such payments of Central Appropriation is also being released by the Government of India out of the approved amounts from time to time since 1987-88.

(iv) There is also a dispensation under which principal dues of SEBs to various CPSUs upto 31.12.1999 or any other mutually agreed date would be liquidated through issuance of tax free bonds guaranteed by the State Government with a back-up guarantee based on 15% CPA which is presently being deducated by the Central Government in respect of earlier dues. Accordingly, NTPC has been pursuing with various State utilities for arriving at one time settlement with a view to arrive at the amounts to be liquidated by State utilities either through securitisation as indicated above or by other means. NTPC has so far finalised such One Time Settlements with UP, J & K, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Rajasthan. Further discussions are being held with other States.

(v) NTPC has entered into a Tripartite Agreement with DVC and SAIL on 11.10.2000 and DVC and IISCO on 9.5.2001. Under this agreement NTPC will purchase steel from SAIL and IISCO by round adjustment of the amounts owed by SAIL & IISCO to DVC and in turn the dues owed by DVC to NTPC.

(vi) The NTPC at times also resorts to regulation of power to the defaulting States after giving the necessary notices as per Law.

(vii) NTPC has incorporated special payment safeguards in the Power Purchase Agreement being signed for its new

projects. These include back up for the LCs by way of Escrow Arrangement, State Government Guarantee and Tripartite Agreement for direct payment out of State's RBI Account in case of default in payment.

Statement

NTPC Outstanding dues as on 30.6.2000

(Rs. in Lacs)

SEBs/Corporation/Others	Outstanding as on Date	Surcharge Billed	Total Outstanding
1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	245638	72178	317816
Rajasthan	31407	13226	44633
Delhi	155123	155190	310313
Punjab	13809	2512	16321
Haryana	17333	28714	46047
Himachal Pradesh	2504	1812	4316
Jammu & Kashmir	7621	0	7621
Madhya Pradesh	133434	40853	174287
Maharashtra	41534	25258	66792
Gujarat	15671	1894	17565
Andhra Pradesh	2973	9837	12810
Karnataka	17080	10386	27466
Tamil Nadu	31257	16418	47675
Kerala	62734	5701	68435
Pondicherry	1477	1470	2947
West Bengal	85078	66989	152067
Bihar	196063	138908	334971
Orissa	58211	12675	70886

1	2	3	4
Damodar Valley Corporation	27600	42300	69900
Sikkim	2791	1313	4104
Assam	3429	2104	5533
Jarkhand	2789	0	2789
Others	−299	410	111
TOTAL:	1155257	650148	1805405

Production of power through giant wind mills

391. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that giant wind mills are generating 1100 MW of power in nine States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 800 MW power is produced through this system in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what incentives are being given by the Centre to propagate the production of power through this system in other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A total wind power capacity of 1340 MW has been installed in nine States of the country, as on 31st March, 2001, out of which a capacity of 813 MW has been installed in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) Fiscal and promotional incentives such as 100% accelerated depreciation, tax holiday, excise duty exemption and concessional customs duty on import of specified parts and components of wind turbine, are provided by the Central Government. Soft loans are also provided by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for commercial wind power projects.